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Trailin' Tails Newsletter

MCACC Finds New Ways to Save Lives



One of the many dogs that has passed through MCACC's doors looking for a forever home— he got one!

How much is that doggy in the window are not words normally associated with Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC). All that changed when MCACC partnered with three groups to open two new pet adoption centers.

PetSmart Charities® approached MCACC about a pet adoption center inside a PetSmart Store. The satellite shelter is the third in the nation to open as a partnership between PetSmart Charities and a government agency with the goal of saving more homeless pets.

"We are very proud to be part of this collaborative effort with Maricopa County Animal Care and Control," said Susana Della Maddalena, vice president and executive director of nonprofit PetSmart Charities, Inc. "At PetSmart Charities, our goal is to save the lives of pets who don't have homes. This type of collaboration – one that promotes pet adoptions and reduces euthanasia – is key to meeting that goal."

The other pet adoption center is at Metrocenter Mall. The Mall offered a former pet store space to MCACC free of charge. Christine Cunningham, Metrocenter Mall Manager said they were excited for MCACC to move in. "We thought it made sense to showcase animals that need a second chance at a forever home," she said. "Maricopa County Animal Care and Control has thousands of homeless dogs and cats that need homes. Asking them just made sense to us."

Both adoption centers are staffed with current MCACC employees and volunteers. They will be caring for 25-60 dogs and cats who will stay at the centers until they are adopted. Not only do the new centers free up kennel space at the two municipal locations, but they also allow MCACC to take adoptable pets into the community and house them in a pet-friendly venue. MCACC hopes that 1,300 pets will be adopted from each of the adoption centers every year. Dr. Rodrigo Silva, Assistant County Manager, said that the partnership is a great opportunity. "Any time we can get the homeless animals in front of the community, good things happen," he said. "I am sure that many adoptions will result from this new opportunity."

PetSmart Adoption Center

4380 N. Miller Road

Scottsdale, AZ 85251

480-429-4519

Monday — Saturday 9:00 am — 9:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am — 6:00 pm

Under One Woof

9617 N. Metro Parkway #1116

Phoenix, AZ 85051

602-997-1025

Monday — Saturday 10:00 am — 9:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am — 6:00 pm

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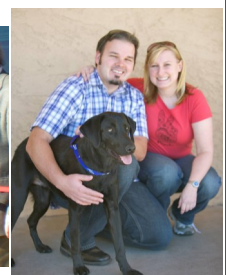
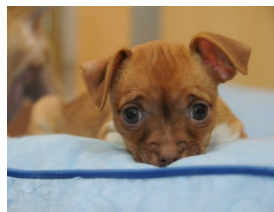
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Under One Woof Adoption Center (left) and PetSmart Charities Pet Adoption Center Grand Openings (right)



One of the many cats that have come through our doors needing a new home—he got one!

Dangerous Foods for your pet

Mushrooms

Chocolate

Macadamia Nuts

Grapes

Raisins

Onions

Garlic

Avocados

Candy

Fatty Foods

Salt

Coffee (any caffeine)

Alcohol

Veterinarian's Corner

In this issue, our Chief Veterinarian answers some questions that are asked often:

Kennel cough- What is kennel cough? How is it transmitted? Is there a feline version of kennel cough? How can we prevent our pets from getting sick?

A broad range of upper respiratory diseases are a cause of the condition called kennel cough. Cats also have their own upper respiratory diseases that could be called kennel cough. Some of these are viral and some are bacterial. While there aren't any good antiviral medications, there are vaccines that are relatively effective at decreasing the signs and duration of the upper respiratory disease that they cause. While vaccines for the bacterial causes are available, they have a short duration of action. Antibiotics can be used to treat these bacterial causes. Kennel cough is transmitted by coughing/sneezing and contact with the dried material from an infected animal. Kennel cough prevention has 2 components: vaccination prior to exposure and decreasing exposure. Examples of decreasing exposure would be keeping your pet from group situations like boarding, the dog park, and doggie day care. Not to say that these are bad places, but you should know where your dog is likely to be more exposed. Pets come nose to nose or nose to butt and get exposed to high numbers of infectious particles.

The shelter is a special situation - it's like sending your child to boarding school. There are many new children to meet who are carrying respiratory disease that is common to their home community. All the children swap their infectious agents and get sick, until everybody has become immune to what everybody else has. That is why an animal adopted from the shelter may have some degree of upper respiratory disease.

How can we tell if our pet has some minor illness or something major?

If your pet has multiple symptoms of an illness, it's a good sign to go to your veterinarian. Vomiting and diarrhea, vomiting and not acting right, diarrhea but straining to defecate, urinating frequently and uncomfortably, are all reasons to go to your vet and pretty quickly. The younger an animal is, the sooner you want to go to your vet, too. Trust your gut. When you have a feeling that something is not right with your pet but you can't put your finger on it - go to your vet. Your pet should be seeing your vet at least twice a year for life, anyway.

What if our pet has ingested something hazardous? What do we do?

If you know it is hazardous, such as antifreeze or rat poison, take your pet and the container to your veterinarian. Information on the container will help your vet decontaminate your pet, upping the chances for you to bring home a happy, healthy pet. Many times when I was in private practice that the owner would say "De-con rat pellets" and I would call poison control and they would ask "which one" and the owner had no clue either. If it is a plant, take a leaf, and if there is a flower, take the flower with you. Some plants have more than one common name and the common name you know the plant by may not be the name the vet knows the plant by and then there is the issue that the toxicology references that list how to treat that plant poison has the plant's Latin name.

Employee Profile: Community Outreach Supervisor

"Pound Angel." That's what folks called Samantha Spinelle when she volunteered at the R.E.S.C.U.E., because she would go to Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (MCACC) and rescue dogs and cats from the euthanasia list, and give them a second chance at R.E.S.C.U.E. This practice was perhaps the precursor to the current New Hope program, where 100+ valley rescue groups help relieve the huge influx of animals MCACC takes in – nearly 150 a day.



A large part of her job is recruiting and overseeing the 300+ volunteers at MCACC, as well as developing and conducting the monthly new volunteer orientations.

She also spearheads fundraising efforts for the agency's non-mandated programs, such as the volunteer and foster programs, and the Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP).

But Sam's innovative ideas didn't stop there. While at Arizona Animal Welfare League and SPCA (AAWL/SPCA) for five and a half years, as part of her job as Director of Behavior, she not only assessed the behaviors and personalities of each animal that came in, she also developed witty and informative "report cards" that hung on each animal's kennel. For example, in the athleticism category, a dog might be anything from a "couch potato" to a "daily marathon runner." The cards helped facilitate better adoption compatibility.

Building on her college majors of Sociology and Educational Psychology, Sam also created educational programs still in use at AAWL/SPCA: children's workshops, summer camp and more. When the position of Community Outreach Supervisor came open at MCACC in the beginning of 2009, Sam saw it as an opportunity to help even more animals, so she applied for the job - and got it.

But true to her passion, Sam makes education a part of everything she does. So, whether it's in a volunteer orientation, a school presentation, or a letter to prospective donors, she is sure to point out the many wonderful – and, to many, surprising – facts about MCACC. Like the fact that the open-admission shelter has not euthanized a healthy, adoptable pet in over four years. And that its innovative SNAP program has provided over 40,000 FREE sterilization surgeries (so far) to pets of low-income valley residents.

Thanks to Samantha's passionate and tireless advocacy, thousands more of our community's homeless pets have a better chance of finding their forever home. Pound Angel indeed.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering at MCACC, or would like to arrange for Sam to speak to your group or school, contact her at spinelles@mail.maricopa.gov, or 602-506-8133



One of the many dogs MCACC has taken in needing a forever home.

Group Donates to Help the Animals

Gryphen Specialty Products and Services (GSPS) hosted a canine/feline toy and food drive to help abandoned pets in Maricopa County. The drive ended right before the holidays and the donations were delivered to Maricopa County Animal Care and



Control. "As the holidays approached, we decided that hosting this donation drive would be a way for Gryphen consumers and staff to give back to their

community," says Holly Nelson, Marketing Manager for Gryphen SPS. "The shelter takes in so many animals, that it's impossible to keep up with the demand for supplies.

GSPS brought a wonderful supply of food, toys and items to keep the animals warm, helping the abandoned animals in the care of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.

Spay and neuter your pets

Get your dogs and cats spayed or neutered! MCACC takes in over 50,000 animals a year, many of them unwanted kittens and puppies. These innocent animals have little chance of survival in our shelters—they need too much care. Please help us stop unnecessary euthanasia—spay and neuter your pets! SNAP, MCACC's Spay and Neuter Assistance Program, offers a free spay or neuter surgery for your cat or dog. Please visit us on the web at www.pets.maricopa.gov for more information.



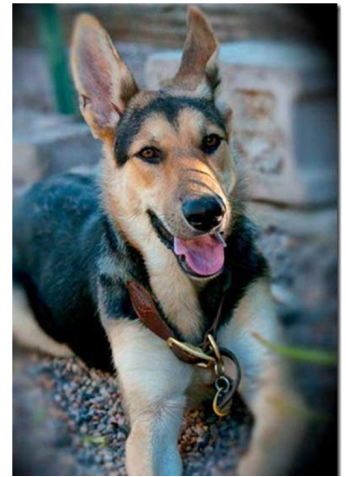
MCACC took in over 55,000 dogs and cats last year. Please give one a good home!

German Shepherd on Fast Track to be Service Dog

We love to hear about dogs and cats after they have been adopted to see what is happening in their lives. The following letter from James, is a terrific testament that shelter dogs make great pets and much more!

"I just wanted to give you an update on the dog I adopted back on September 26, 2010. I named her Kaelee. We had a rough start with her weight as she stopped eating a few days after bringing her home. I got her to my vet and found she had a few issues from ticks and tapeworms. It took two months of antibiotics to clear up those issues and get her health on the right track.

We started basic obedience training late in October and she started her Service Dog training the following month. She has taken to the Service Dog Training like a duck to water. She passed the AKC 's Puppy CGC S.T.A.R. exam and will soon take her second test which is the public access test. Kaelee should be certified as a Service Dog by July of this year. I am a 100 % disabled Vietnam Veteran and Kaelee is one of your success stories. I am very grateful for the chance to adopt Kaelee from your 8th street shelter. I just wanted to share this with your staff and let you all know you made a difference in her life, and also mine. Thank You!"



Rabies Clinic

Specials: \$20

West and East Shelters

Sunday 11 — 5:30pm

Tues - Thur 9 — 11am

**KEEP MORE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET
WHILE HELPING HOMELESS ANIMALS**

Daily Deal USA

We are partnering with **Daily Deal USA** to offer a FANTASTIC new fundraiser!

If you sign up for their free program, using our referral code, you'll get daily email offers of HUGE savings of 50-95% from local businesses in your neighborhood, plus an instant \$5 to spend. FREE, with no obligation!

If you do decide to buy a deal, **Maricopa County Animal Care & Control** will get a donation equaling 8% on every deal you purchase.

The more irresistible deals you buy, the more money goes to help the homeless animals of Maricopa County. It's a win-win! You save, we earn.

Just sign up at www.dailydealusa.com and enter referral code MCACC
It's that easy! Please help.

12 K's of Christmas Brings Holiday Cheer to the Animals

On February 9, 2011, Darryl Toupin, President of FieldWorks Events & Marketing Inc., attended the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors meeting to present a check to Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (MCACC). This check for an amount of \$4,060 is a donation of funds raised by the 2nd annual 12K's of Christmas® event, held in Gilbert on Saturday, December 11, 2010.

Over the past two years, the 12K's of Christmas has raised over \$14,000 to help the animals, including this donation to MCACC and another \$4,100 donated to Phoenix Animal Care Coalition (PACC 911) this year.

The 12K's of Christmas is a great community event with a Christmas Bazaar, carolers and a 12 K, 6 K, and 1.2 K run/walk. More than 1,900 people signed up to run and thousands more attended the event. The 12 K's of Christmas also played host to one of the largest pet adoption events of the season, with more than 30 local animal rescue groups in attendance. Forty-eight pets found new homes and countless home visits were scheduled.

"We are delighted that we could help find pets homes for Christmas and provide these worthy organizations with much needed funds to help them save pet's lives" said Toupin.

Once again this year, a portion of the funds raised by the 12K's of Christmas® will go to Maricopa County Animal Care & Control and PACC 911. The 12K's of Christmas® will be held at Freestone District Park in Gilbert on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Get more information at (480) 609 3978 or visit www.12krun.com.



Pictured left to right: Board of Supervisors Chairman Andy Kunesek, Darryl Toupin, and Asst. County Manager Rodrigo Silva



12 K participants—photo courtesy of Sean and Katie Moro



MCACC took in over 12,000 cats last year. Please give one a good home!

If you'd like to receive this newsletter electronically, please visit us at : www.pets.maricopa.gov

MCACC Needs Volunteers

Maricopa County has many homeless animals. Have you ever wondered how you can be of aid? Volunteer at Maricopa County Animal Care & Control! This is a great way to help our furry friends. You can give back in a variety of ways: become an adoption counselor and help the dogs and cats find their forever homes; take pictures of them for our website; socialize dogs and cats by walking and playing with them.

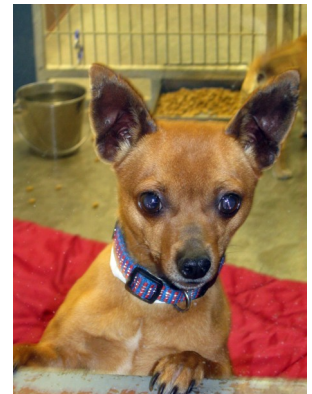
Besides volunteering at the shelter, you can help out at our mobile adoption events at various locations throughout the valley. You can become a foster parent and provide a temporary home for



an animal (or two) until they are ready to go up for adoption. If you are good with a sewing machine, you can cut down old comforters and sew them to make individual doggie and kitty beds.

Becoming a volunteer at MCACC is also a great place to meet people with the same love of animals. Everyone is working together to end the euthanasia of adoptable and treatable dogs and cats. For additional information

about MCACC or the volunteer program, please visit our website at www.pets.maricopa.gov. You can submit an online volunteer application and see a list of upcoming orientation dates. Help us save lives!



Save a life and become forever loved— come find your new furry friend at one of our shelters.



One of the lucky cats to find a new home at MCACC this year.



Help us control the pet overpopulation problem. Get your pet spayed or neutered!

People Saving Pets– Finding a home for adoptable pets

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) has joined the People Saving Pets effort, which is designed to make pet homelessness a thing of the past. How? This unique awareness campaign uses powerful advertising and outreach to change the public's perceptions about pet homelessness and inspire them to take action. It can drive more adoptions, increase spay and neuters, encourage more people to volunteer and generate more funding for the work we do. And that means fewer pets euthanized simply because they don't have homes.

People Saving Pets costs MCACC nothing, and we think it has the power to engage the entire community in our cause. But, we need to take this cause beyond our passionate supporters and out into our community of people who care about pets, but might not know how take action.



Getting involved is easy to do and a few simple actions can make a big difference for our pets.

Join the cause: Visit www.peoplesavingpets.org to sign up and join us in the effort to end pet homeless.

Share the news: Spread the word about People Saving Pets by inviting your friends and family to join. Visit MCACC on Facebook and share your commitment to save pets' lives with your Facebook friends, Twitter followers and other social networks.

Adopt a pet. If you're considering adding a new four-legged member to the family, adoption is the way to go. We take in more than 50,000 dogs and cats needing homes each year. And if you can't adopt a pet, please, encourage your friends and family to do so.

Spay and neuter. Help control the pet overpopulation problem by spaying or neutering your pet and encourage the people in your life to do the same. This simple procedure can be done in half-a-day and can reduce behavior issues and help your pet live a longer, healthier life.

Volunteer. MCACC can use your help! Check out all our volunteer opportunities (www.pets.maricopa.gov/volunteer) and let us know how you'd like to help. Then, ask your friends to join you.

Donate. If you don't have time, but still want to give – we can always use your generous donations of money and/or supplies like food, litter and bedding.

Ending pet homelessness in Maricopa County is a big goal. But if we work together, we can do it. We can make Maricopa County a national leader in this important work. Please join us today.



Call or email us and we'll bring the Mobile Pet Bus to your business or neighborhood!

602-506-8995

llong@mail.maricopa.gov

Ways to Help the Animals

While MCACC was originally founded for the purpose of catching and killing stray animals to prevent the spread of rabies and other diseases, the population growth in Maricopa County has resulted in an ever increasing number of healthy and treatable dogs and cats looking to MCACC to find them homes. As a "special revenue fund" within Maricopa County, MCACC is responsible for generating funds for both its mandated and non-mandated services.

By becoming a donor of your dollars, your time, or by holding a donation drive, you can help ensure that MCACC can provide the care and services that will ultimately make it possible to reach the goal of eliminating the euthanasia of healthy and treatable pets by 2012.

Please send me information about the following

◇ How to Volunteer

◇ How to Donate

◇ Information on: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

____ I would like to receive your email newsletter!

Mail to: MCACC Community Relations

2500 S. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009

**Congratulations to
MCACC's Uno por
Uno Program,
recipient of the 2010
Showcase in
Excellence Award!**



Spay Day 2011 a Big Hit

MCACC celebrated Spay Day on February 22nd, 2011. Spay Day is an international campaign of the Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society International. Agencies and rescue groups around the world held spay and neuter clinics to promote spay/neuter as a humane and effective means of reducing the number of animals who are put down in shelters each year. MCACC joined up with Mobile Animal Surgical Hospital and Arizona Humane Society to offer free spay and neuter surgeries.

The lines started to form just after midnight. By 7:00 am, more than 400 people and their pets were waiting in line. The three mobile clinics were able to spay and neuter more than 115 dogs and cats. The rest of the 286 people in line received a voucher for a free surgery with MCACC's Spay Neuter Assistance Program. They will be able to schedule an appointment with a local veterinarian to get their pets altered.

Along with the surgery day, MCACC held a two day rabies vaccination clinic. 289 free rabies vaccinations were administered and another 50 dogs and cats were spayed and neutered. This year marks the seventeenth annual Spay Day.

Since its inception, it is conservatively estimated that Spay Day participants have altered more than 1,518,000 animals, significantly lowering the number of animals that may have ended up at a shelter.



From left: Maricopa County residents waiting in line to get their pets spayed and neutered; dog getting rabies vaccination

Tune in and catch our animals on TV and the radio!

- Every Saturday on
Channel 12 at 9:35
a.m.
- Every other
Thursday on
Channel 12 at 1:35
p.m.
- Every last Tuesday
of the month on
KOOL radio 94.5
- You can also find
them online at
ktar.com

Visit One of Our Four Locations!

West Valley Care Center
2500 S. 27th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85009

East Valley Care Center
2630 W. 8th St.
Mesa, AZ 85201

PetSmart Charities Adoption Center
4380 N. Miller Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Under One Woof Adoption Center
9617 N. Metro Parkway #1116
Phoenix, AZ 85051

Phone: 602-506-PETS (7387)

hollisa@mail.maricopa.gov

pets.maricopa.gov



MCACC's new approach to delivering animal care and control services reflects the delicate balance that exists between animal welfare and animal control. We strive to be proactive and offer programs to prevent problems before they occur. It is our vision to reduce the dangers and nuisances caused by irresponsible pet ownership and to protect pets from abuse, neglect and homelessness.

Our mission is to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of people and pets in Maricopa County.

MCACC offers a multitude of services to assist you and your pets:

- Adoption of cats and dogs
- Spay/Neuter programs
- Licensing
- Rabies vaccinations
- Lost and found shelter care
- Stray dog pick up
- Microchips
- Opportunities to volunteer and become foster care givers



Friends of Animal Care and Control

Our mission is to end euthanasia of healthy and adoptable dogs and cats in our community by raising funds to support the special programs of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.

P.O. Box 80739
Phoenix, AZ 85060

602-626-5073

Visit us at: www.azfaccs.org

Friends of Animal Care and Control Thrift Store

The FACCs thrift shop sells a wide variety of gently used items. Proceeds from the sales fund MCACC's valuable programs.



FACCs Thrift Shop

12625 N. Cave Creek Road (North of Thunderbird)
Phoenix, AZ 85022
602-923-6914

Store hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm
Tuesday and Thursday open until 6:00 pm

Do you love animals? Do you have some items that you'd like to donate to charity? Please donate them to the FACCs thrift shop! The store is currently accepting the following gently used items:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| - Clothing, purses, jewelry, shoes | - Household items (lamps, linens, bedspreads) |
| - Dishes, glassware, utensils | - Kitchen and office appliances |
| - Furniture - indoor and outdoor | - Computers, printers, software |
| - Books | - Artwork |
| - Tools | - Cell phones, PDA's |
| - Children's clothing and toys (no furniture or car seats please) | |

For a large item (or large amount), call us to arrange a free pick up at (602) 996-7399.

FACC's mission is to end euthanasia of healthy and adoptable dogs and cats in our community by raising funds to support the programs of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.

